

# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

## *Greenfield Hall*

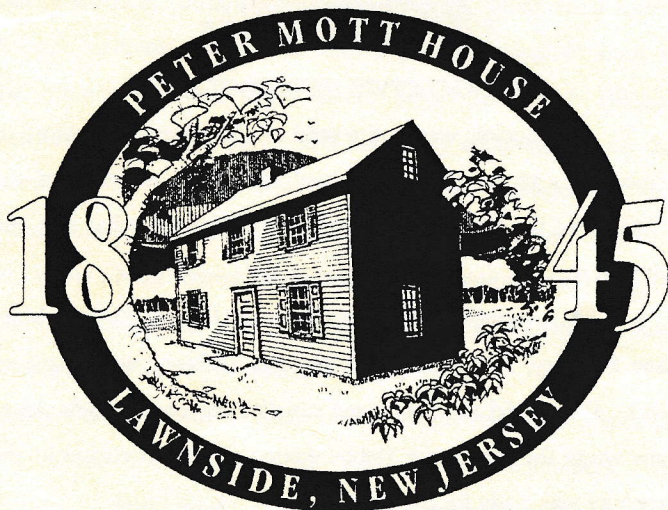
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### THE TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS OF RESTORING THE PETER MOTT HOUSE

Who was Peter Mott? Why is his home of historical significance? What was involved in rescuing the house from almost certain destruction and restoring it? These are the questions Margaret Westfield will answer in the program she will present at the Society's general meeting on September 24 at 7:30 P.M. in Greenfield Hall.



Margaret Westfield is an historic architect and partner in Westfield Architects and Preservation Consultants. The Haddon Heights firm focuses on the preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings throughout the South Jersey area and the design of compatible new construction within historic contexts. Recent

projects include the restoration of Lucy the Margate Elephant, reconstruction of the Absecon Lightkeeper's House in Atlantic City and the stabilization of the Mule Barn and Carriage House in Batsto Village.

In addition to these well-known landmarks, Margaret was instrumental in restoring the Mt. Holly Friends Meeting House; the Gabreil Daveis Tavern, Gloucester Township; the Collins-Knight House, Collingswood; St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Mullica Hill; and numerous other historically important museums, churches and schools.

A member of the New Jersey Historic Sites Council, Margaret also serves as Consulting Architect for Main Street New Jersey, Gloucester County's Historic Preservation Professional, and Chair of the Association for Preservation Technology, Delaware Valley Chapter. She is a past Vice President and Trustee of the Camden County Historical Society and previously served on both the Planning Board and the Historic District Commission in Haddon Heights.

Margaret has been working with the Township of Evesham as consulting historic architect since 1989. She also consults for several other South Jersey municipalities including the Certified Local Governments of Burlington City, Berlin Borough and Harrison Township.

You won't want to miss this exciting first meeting of our new season on Wednesday evening, September 24. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn about an important nearby historic site, see old friends and meet our new members.



# PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by Patricia W. Lennon

Beginning in May and continuing through the summer, Greenfield Hall has been the center of lively pleasant social activity and encouraging progress in developing our resources to attract visitors.

The May social calendar began with a tea for members of Brownie Troop No. 116. Following refreshments, Debbe Mervine talked briefly about the history and traditions of the tea ceremony. The month ended with a well-attended Open House after Haddonfield's observance of Memorial Day.

June was launched with a very successful - in fact, the most successful in recent years - Historic Village Fair, chaired by Nancy Burrough. Among the attractions offered during the day was an invitation to tour Greenfield Hall with docents Harriet Monshaw in the morning and Debbe Mervine in the afternoon.

July saw the first of what we hope will be an annual event: an Open House for Fourth of July paraders and spectators. More than one hundred adults and children stopped by. Hostesses Connie Reeves and Dinny Traver were pleased with their guests' observations: "What a beautiful place!" "How attractive the rooms are." "Thank you for opening the building today." However, Connie and Dinny were distressed to hear the number of people say, "I go by this building almost every day, and this is the first time I've ever been inside." This is a condition which the Board will address.

Meanwhile, the library switched to its June/July hours. Library volunteers continued their researches; students checked their papers one final time; and inquiries about long-gone ancestors came from Oregon, New York State and other out-of-the-area locales. Regular library hours, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30, will resume after Labor Day.

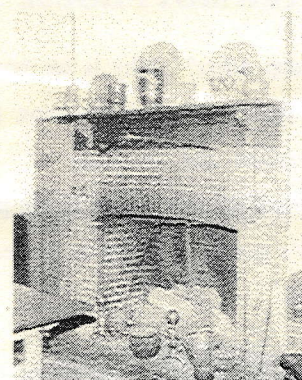
With the exception of a whirlwind visit by sixteen teenage students from Japan, August ushered in collection-related projects. Summer intern, Frank Tortorelli, undertook compiling an inventory of all the articles returned from the Indian King and preparing them for display or storage. That completed, he next turned his attention to identifying and locating the non-clothing articles described in the Accession Book.

At the same time, Mickey Mack continued her work in the conservation of the Society's quite marvelous collection of clothing, from sleepwear to afternoon dresses, bridal gowns and accessories. With Board approval, she is selecting hats and dresses to be featured in a fashion show sponsored by the Business and Professional Association on September 20, as well as bridal gowns for display in a Jay West window.

Dinny Traver has begun the preliminaries to convert part of the former library, now the office, for the display and sale of the Society's commemoratives, pamphlets and books.

By reaching out to the community and opening its doors more often, the Society hopes to overcome the perception of its being "stuffy" or "where you have to know someone to belong." Nothing could be further from the truth. I hope every Society member will work toward changing that image.

The  
Keeping  
Room



(from the new  
brochure)

## THE SOCIETY'S NEW BROCHURE

The Society was in dire need of a brochure, pamphlet - or something - to remind visitors and the public at large of the existence of the Historical Society of Haddonfield, what it is and where it is.

A committee, whose members are Connie Reeves, Mary Jane Freedley, Debbe Mervine and Pat Lennon, went right to work. Connie did the design and supplied the photographs, Mary Jane wrote the copy, with Debbe editing. Within two weeks the brochure was ready for the printer.

The handsome, four-color brochure is available now at Greenfield Hall, the Haddonfield Public Library, the Visitors' Center, the Barclay Farmstead, the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Hilton in Cherry Hill. The committee plans to expand the distribution to reach as many tourists visiting the Delaware Valley as possible.



## CHANGES ON OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

by Patricia Lennon

The Society is pleased to welcome to its Executive Board  
Second Vice President ...

**Joseph E. Murphy:** An attorney specializing in Corporate Compliance, Joe numbers among his clients corporations in the United States and abroad. He is co-author of authoritative texts in the field and has written numerous articles for law journals. Joe is an educated collector of the pins, buttons, tie tacs, broadsides, slogans and other political campaign handouts dating to the presidency of Andrew Jackson. He never ceases to marvel at the many faces of Haddonfield he discovers on his frequent walks around town.

...and four trustees:

**Thomas H. Reilly:** Graduates of Haddonfield Memorial High School remember Mr. Reilly not only as the chairman of the English Department, but also as a teacher, mentor and inspiration always to do their best. He served as director of the Haddonfield Adult School for 20 years and is now junior vice chairman of the American Legion Post #38. A knowledgeable stamp collector, Tom is presently working with Postmaster Pat Whelan to design a postmark and cachet featuring the Indian King.

**Donald C Wallace, Jr.:** Many Society members are familiar with Don Wallace as "Curator of Tools." Prior to "discovering tools" through his friend and mentor, Carl Bopp, Don spent 45 years in the printing business. His career began with Josh Billings Associates on Tanner Street and eventually encompassed all the facets of the graphics arts, including sales management and promotion. He was instrumental in developing "Dulcet," an acid-free paper. Now retired, he devotes considerable time not only to his own collection, but also to organizing, expanding and cataloging the Society's basement tool collection.

**Sheila Coffey Hawkes:** Many members may recognize Sheila as one of the Society's Monday morning office volunteers. A resident of Haddonfield since 1977, she served on the School Board from 1980-1983 and on the Haddonfield Memorial High School Advisory Committee. She is particularly interested in programs for children with special needs and is active in both the Committee for Children with Special Learning Needs and the

Camden County Girl Scouts' Special Needs Committee. Prior to coming to Haddonfield, Sheila enjoyed a dual career as business executive and teacher - elementary school in the United States and teaching English while living in France.

**Warren A. Reintzel:** History is Warren's avocation; finance, however, especially trust management, is his profession. He is an executive with Glenmede Trust Company, the bank which manages the Pew Charitable Trusts. He also serves as an officer with several financially oriented associations in Philadelphia. Warren is a member of the Board of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior and is Chairman for Financial Memorial Gifts.

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Any of the chairmen would be happy to have you call to offer your assistance or suggestions. Surprise them! Volunteers are the ones who make our organization what it is.

## THE GABREIL DAVEIS TAVERN

The Gabreil Daveis Tavern mentioned on the first page is really spelled correctly. The tavern, on Third Avenue in Glendora, pre-dates the Revolutionary War period; a date inscribed on the house indicates it was built in 1756. It holds the distinction of being the first recorded tavern along the "Irish Roade", the "Great Roade leading from Gloucester to Great Egg Harbour." It is a unique example of a structure which has remained unchanged over the course of more than two hundred years.



## PROGRESS IN THE CELLAR RESTORATION

by Don Wallace

You've heard of the proverbial "month of Sundays." For the past year we've been working in Greenfield Hall's cellar for a "month of Monday mornings."

Larry Alff has been pointing the bricks and we've stuffed mortar back between the rocks in the walls. Four to six inches of mortar had lain at the base of all masonry walls and piers. This has been a major undertaking, our second volunteer project and our largest so far.

The first project had involved filling the back cellarway doors with wood filler. Although undetectable from the exterior, the doors are plastic "Bondo" inside, all hollowed out from rot 10 to 12 inches from the bottom.

Larry has been a great and loyal volunteer. When he completes one project he quickly moves to the next, or he'll pick up a broom to perform one of the many menial tasks required to reach our objectives. Until his retirement, Larry had been Director of Engineers at Crown Cork and Seal Company.

Paint has finally been applied to an area of the west wall in the main display room by a new volunteer, Gus Winder, who started with us on Monday, July 7. His help makes our progress more obvious. Gus had been financial controller of 19 RCA subsidiaries prior to his retirement.

In working on his first cellar window, Gus discovered a piece of window hardware which we had never seen before. It is a very delicate iron spring device used to hold the swing-in windows open at any angle. The remains of this hardware are also on the other windows; they are easily broken. This piece will provide one more old-house feature on future tours along with the trunnel (tree nail) and mortise and tenon construction that is visible nearby.

Gus built us a wooden stand for the display box we found in "the office" down there. My first reaction had been to get rid of this "1950's modern" box with pegboard backing and fluorescent light. Instead, I've decided to use it for the display of new acquisitions or to highlight the "tool-of-the-month" presentation.

At the Village Fair on June 7, Nancy Burroughs convinced me to give tours to persons interested in seeing the cellar. I had been reluctant to show the place since I felt that

progress was not sufficient. However, there was a great deal of interest and several new volunteer potentials surfaced. People seemed to enjoy not only the tools which provided a revelation to most visitors but also to realize the huge job before us.

We received some eye-opening comments such as, "These fluorescent lights are really out of place!" They are modern looking, incongruous and probably grating on the sensibilities of many people, certainly out of character when considering the age of the collections. But I've been grateful to have such good light when working there.

Since we have decided to leave the old gray ceiling and exposed beams for future restoration, we will know better then where we might want to place spot lighting fixtures. Large artifact positioning and existing cabinet placement has begun to fall into place naturally. Moves will be made as soon as the entire west wall is painted.

Most visitors were also fascinated by the deep cistern under the base of the keeping room's hearth, just behind the cooper's tool bench display. It descends 16 to 20 feet below the cellar floor level and must be seen with a powerful flashlight.

Not long after my comment that "While we have no evidence that this had been a station on the Underground Railroad, there is a room that could have been used for a runaway slave," I began to get requests to "show us where the slaves were hidden!" Having been a marketing man, a sales promotion manager, and a salesman in my previous career, I realized that the opportunity was ripe for exploitation. I resisted! However, this had been a Quaker home in the 1840-60 period and although I doubt that such stations had official designations or records, it certainly adds interest to the location.

If anyone has THE FACTS about the two wells or cisterns, about anything we have down in the cellar, we'd sure like to hear about it.

Join Don and his team  
in the restoration of the basement.

Call him at 854-4778  
to get some ideas of what you can do to help.



## PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN HADDONFIELD

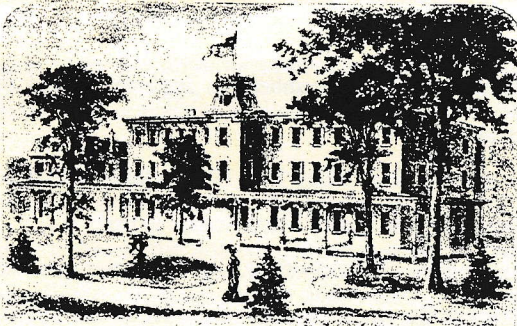
by Betty and Stuart Lyons

St. John's Military Academy was originally founded in 1866 in Camden by two brothers, both Episcopal ministers. The Reverends Theophilus Reilly and William M. Reilly taught and at the same time acted as administrators of the school. Their younger brother, the Reverend Edward Reilly, later joined them in operating the school. They developed an excellent reputation for teaching and the school prospered.

When they decided to expand in 1870, they bought 110 acres of land in Haddonfield. This land was part of the original Francis Collins tract called "Mountwell." Some years before, fire had destroyed the house which had originally been built there. The new 75-room school, costing \$20,000, was built near that site in the area east of Centre Street and Cottage Avenue, with Reilly's Woods extending to the old Marlton and Medford Railroad branch tracks.

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A Public Announcement  
of the Haddonfield School

In the same area was Maxwellton Park, near the present Centre and Chestnut Streets. The park was named for Edward's wife, who owned the land and whose maiden name had been Maxwell. She was in charge of St. Agnes' Hall, a school for girls which was developed as an auxiliary educational establishment under her direction. Both schools opened in 1878 in time for the fall term.

The military academy was a large four-story many-windowed building with an American flag flying high above the central dormer of the school. A West Point graduate, Captain Wilder, was in charge of teaching military training, penmanship, English, mathematics and bookkeeping. The Reillys continued to teach along with other faculty members: the Messrs. Stone, Barrett, Taylor and Thompson. The school physician was Dr. Bowman Hendry Shivers.

The faculty of the girls' school included Misses Wood, Rusk, Richter, Bradley and Williamson. Brochures advertising the school made it clear that while both schools were in the same town, the pupils were not allowed to associate with one another, nor have any communication with each other, except by request of their parents and in the presence of teachers. The only time they assembled together was on Sunday morning in the chapel. Then the teachers and cadets of St. John's occupied one side of the chapel while the teachers and pupils of St. Agnes' sat on the other side.

About 60 cadets attended. Many of them were from Cuba, Central and South America, as well as from every section of the United States. By 1886 there were about 130 pupils of all ages. All boys participated in a cadet corps; there was also a drum corps which kept the beat for military drills. Many sports were played including an active baseball team. The foreign students were particularly interested in playing cricket. For more intellectual pursuits, there was a literary society as well as a society for the promotion of punctuality and order. The latter stressed the suppression of improper language and the discouragement of using tobacco among students.

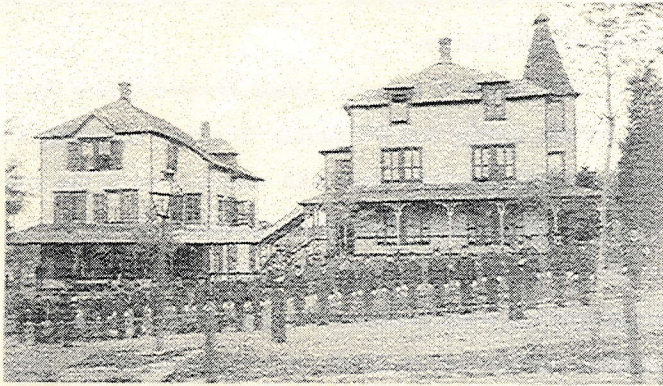
Besides tuition, a \$65 fee was levied for fuel to keep the pupils warm, for mending torn clothing, washing the napkins used at meals, use of lights, towels, bedding, and for supplies such as pens, paper, ink, stamps, text books, brushes and blacking to keep shoes brightly shined.

For eight years both boys and girls were winter residents of Haddonfield. In the summer, when schools were closed, the building became the Maxwellton Hotel where big city residents could come to enjoy the healthful atmosphere of Haddonfield. ➡



(PRIVATE SCHOOLS continued)

Just a month after the fall term opened, on October 30, 1886, the main building was destroyed by fire. Nevertheless, both schools remained operational until 1907. At that time the Reverend Theophilus Reilly died and the schools were permanently closed. The glamour of the military academy and the girls' school would become just a fond memory while materials from some of the auxiliary buildings were used to build or add to individual residences on Lakeview Avenue.



The Reilly Cadets circa 1893

## DINNER FOR THE WINNER

by Patricia Lennon

*Dinner in the Grand Style of Greenfield Hall* will be served to Faye Ahern and her guests on Saturday evening, September 6.

Each of the several courses on the menu, from appetizer to dessert, will be prepared by an expert in that particular specialty. The chefs include Pam Chase, Myra Kain, Mickey Mack, Debbe Mervine, Debbie Moore, Dianne Snodgrass, Kathy Tassini and Debby Troemner. Flower arrangements are the province of Dinny Traver; Joe Haro will preside as major domo. The evening's staff also includes JoAnn Bowman, Barbara Crane, Pat Lennon, Debbie Lippincott, Barbara Mellon-Denesevich and Connie Reeves.

While Mrs. Ahern, her family and friends enjoy a sumptuous gourmet dinner, Society members have an equally good time working together in preparing and serving the meal. It's a remarkable evening for everyone.

## A WELCOME LETTER - AN UNEXPECTED GIFT

by Patricia Lennon

Mail delivered to Greenfield Hall generally follows a pattern - bills, bank statements, membership applications and renewals, requests for information, newsletters from other organizations and occasionally, catalogs.

So it was an unexpected, unusual, amazing and tremendous surprise to open a plain white No. 10 envelope, with a Madison, Wisconsin return address, containing a check of five figures and a letter from Laurence J. Test. Larry's letter reads in part:

"Enclosed is check for \$..... which I am sending as a gift to the Historical Society of Haddonfield. As a long term and often very active member of the Society, I had many satisfying times and also came to appreciate the great benefits of the Historical Society to the community. I make this gift in the hopes that it might facilitate the successful continuation of the Society's functioning."

Larry was more than an "often very active member of the Society." For many years Larry Test and Jack Wood were the experts on all things electrical, mechanical and structural in Greenfield Hall. They were "on call" whenever anything untoward happened, which was quite often. Because of frequent electrical failures, they traced the electrical wiring circuits throughout the building. The results of their work are still visible in labels on various light switches and several outlets with a stern warning, NO COFFEE.

They created their own list of urgent repairs and long-range needs for Board action. At their urging, the Society's first security system was installed, not only to protect the building's contents, but also for the safety of the library volunteers who spent many an afternoon working on assignments for Gertrude Hess ( former Society librarian.)

Larry was anxious to have a verbal, as well as a written description of the history of the building and its contents. He spent hours with members of the Acquisition Committee who had extensive knowledge about the furnishings, their provenance and interesting facts associated with them.

The Society is indebted to both Larry Test and Jack Wood for their gifts of interest, time and talent and for their generous financial support of Society undertakings.



## ACTIVITIES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

by Helene Zimmer-Loew

The Society's Finance Committee met twice recently to focus on the Endowment Fund and to develop a final budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year. Committee members include Tom Burrough, Bob Gauntt, Tom Mervine, Warren Reintzel, Helene Zimmer-Loew, Chair, and Pat Lennon, Ex-Officio.

One of the short term goals is to consolidate the various certificates, accounts, and investments in fewer vehicles so that the long-term process of asset allocation will be simplified. In this way, the Committee hopes to increase the Endowment more efficiently.

Funding requests of the various committees were reviewed before making up the final budget. Among the approved items, some of which are already under way, are the painting and repair of the Hip Roof House and the garage, the installation of new lamp posts, the first steps in the planting of the Ferris King Garden, and repairs and maintenance to spaces inside and outside Greenfield Hall. In addition, the Committee decided to allocate \$1000 for consultant services to assist the Society in how to manage its collection better and to bring the inventory up to date.

Before the Committee's next meeting, Warren Reintzel will investigate asset allocation by several investment companies, and Bob Gauntt will conduct a review of the Society's 1996-97 records.

The major purpose of the September meeting will be to determine how to invest the Society's funds in order to reach the \$250,000 established minimum for its endowment which is now valued at over \$200,000.

## HADDONFIELD CRAFTERS TO RETURN

by Deborah Mervine

The Haddonfield Crafters will be back again with their array of beautiful holiday items. The dates this year are Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18 and 19.

If you haven't been to this event, you are in for a wonderful experience. If you've come before, you'll come again!

Admission on Tuesday evening is \$3 while all day Wednesday admission will be \$1. All admission fees go to the Historical Society; last year we earned over \$1000.

## WEDDINGS, RECEPTIONS, ETC.

by Deborah Mervine

Weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, christenings, teas, meetings, recognitions, seminars, reunions, craft shows. Can you think of any other rental uses for Greenfield Hall? All the named activities have been held in our beautiful building in the past.

During the last few months we've had a number of weddings and a nearly equal number of wedding receptions, one rehearsal dinner, a Brownie troop tea with mothers and grandmothers, a Business Association meeting, an Architects' Association meeting, a recognition tea for the Mental Health Association, and an HMHS Alumni Association Reunion walking tour.

The rental rate for weddings and receptions is \$450 plus a \$50 deposit which will be refunded. Those renting must have a caterer; caterers are required to take the trash with them.

Rental for a civic group is \$35 and Brownie teas are \$5 per person as are walking tours.

Call me at my home, 428-0053, to discuss your next event.

## SAIL ON A TALL SHIP

The Gloucester County Historical Society will sponsor a cruise on the 155 foot restored oyster schooner, the A. J. Meerwald, located in Bivalve, on Sunday afternoon, September 21, from 1:00 to 4:00. Following the cruise, a "Down Jersey" supper will be held at the Cedar Light Café in nearby Dividing Creek.

The trip on the Delaware Estuary will give participants a chance to observe the crew as it trawls for fish, dredges for oysters, samples plankton and tests water quality. You'll be able to raise the sails and coil the ropes - or just enjoy the ride - while you learn about the natural and cultural aspects of the area.

The cost of this voyage is \$40 per person. For more information call 609-845-4771. To make arrangements for the trip, send your check made payable to GCHS to 17 Hunter Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096. Specify your menu choice of crab cake and shrimp, grilled chicken breast or vegetable lasagna. The deadline is September 10.



## SOCIETY WELCOMES JAPANESE STUDENTS

by Joe Murphy

On August 5, sixteen students and three chaperones from Omiya, Japan, visited Haddonfield and Greenfield Hall. The group was brought to the US by the International Professional Exchange, a non-profit organization in Philadelphia. Town resident Bill Brown suggested that their tour, which was otherwise limited to major cities, include Haddonfield so that they could experience town life in America.

The timing of the visit worked well because the Haddonfield Business and Professional Association has been developing a program to promote visits to Haddonfield. The HBPA's tourism committee was prepared to arrange a welcome for those here to visit the town. The committee is working closely with the Society, in part because the chair of the committee is also the Society's new vice president, Joe Murphy.

The HBPA's program includes arranging guided tours of the town. HBPA has been seeking guides who would like to learn more about the town and to show it to others. This opportunity is open to individuals or organizations.

For this inaugural tour, the Society agreed to provide guides and to open Greenfield Hall to the visiting students. So at 10:30 A.M., when the students arrived at the PATCO station, they were greeted by Debby Troemner, Joe Haro, and Joe Murphy, and were led to Borough Hall to meet the mayor and the Society's president, Pat Lennon. The students were introduced to the town in grand style, with the mayor, Gene Kain, the deputy mayor, Tish Colombi, and Rich Schwab, the Borough Administrator, all on hand to welcome them.

From Borough Hall our tour began. We showed the students Greenfield Hall and how Americans lived in Victorian Haddonfield. The students were particularly fascinated by the art made of human hair. To our surprise, however, they were also highly curious about our humble kitchen.

On leaving Greenfield Hall, the students were given a tour of King's Highway by Joe Haro. We then gave them a list of 15 questions about the town, for an information scavenger hunt (try explaining the concept of "scavenger" to 19 Japanese visitors!)

At the end of the afternoon, the visitors were invited to tea at the Queen Anne Inn. Each student received a T-shirt from the Borough and a gift of candy from Evans Chocolates for

completing at least one of the fifteen questions. And, we had one undisputed winner - a student who found all 15 right answers. His prize was a gift certificate, and we were assured that he would return to town to use it.

At day's end, all appeared ready to declare the event a success. Through this cooperation between the HBPA and the Society, our 19 visitors saw in our town the best of American life, we all enjoyed the day, and the HBPA made a contribution to the Society for our help.

If you are interested in helping give tours of our town to visitors, or if you know a group which might be interested, please contact Joe Murphy at 429-5355. HBPA will provide the training for guides.

### DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS???

The Haddonfield Visitors' Scavenger Hunt instructs participants to walk around town and enjoy themselves while looking around to get the answers to some of the questions. It does admit that some will be a little more challenging than others!

Here they are:

1. What was the name of the town's founder?
2. Which US President's house was the model for the library?
3. Where can you buy wine and beer in Haddonfield?
4. Where was the world's first, almost complete, dinosaur fossil found?
5. Where do folks go when they need a hammer, paint or fix-up advice?
6. Where is the "Time Teller"?
7. Who owns the 12,000 shade trees in town?
8. What color is the furniture outside Starbucks?
9. What event did the late 18<sup>th</sup> century Quakers living here call "the commotion"?
10. Where did the name for Tanner Street come from?
11. Where do Haddonfielders take their sick dolls?
12. How many are "In the Attic" on King's Court?
13. What type of cuisine is served at Remi's?
14. What bank is headquartered in Haddonfield?
15. List the 3 best reasons to visit Haddonfield (there are no wrong answers.)

What's YOUR score?



## HOLLY FESTIVAL



**Saturday, December 13**  
10 A.M. to 3 P.M.



We're planning another exciting Holly Festival!

Baskets of greens, loose greens, bakery offerings, craft items, luminaria orders. It will be a busy day. You'll be able to decorate your house for the holidays with our lovely baskets and boxwood trees. Your family will enjoy the cakes, cookies, pies, breads and other goodies which you'll bring home. Craftsmen will have a variety of gifts for your last-minute shopping - or to get you started. And the luminaria orders will be ready for you to pick up.

We depend upon the support of all our members to help make the Festival the big fund-raiser it's always been. Helping gives each one of us a great opportunity to have fun while making a contribution to the Society. There are many ways to help before the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some suggestions:

- Donate some greens for use in making up the baskets. We'll be needing a variety and will be happy to pick up if you aren't able to deliver.
- Contribute some baked goods of your choice.
- Create craft items which we'll be able to sell at our boutique table. People are always interested in unique Christmas ornaments and other gifts.
- Helping hands in making the greens arrangements. Come out and learn if you've never done this before. Otherwise, lend your expertise. Times will be announced later.

For further information or to tell us you're willing to help, call 429-7375 and leave a message; or contact either Nancy Burroughs at 429-8361 or Mary Jane Freedley at 428-2499.

And one last suggestion: mark the date, December 13, on your calendar. Be sure to invite friends and relatives for an enjoyable visit to Greenfield Hall.

## WHAT DISTINGUISHES THE PETER MOTT HOUSE?

The following are excerpts from the Preservation Plan Margaret Westfield developed for the Peter Mott House:

The Peter Mott House is historically significant both architecturally and through association as a rare surviving example of a pre-Civil War home within a free African-American settlement. Built c. 1845, the structure served as the residence of Peter Mott, an African-American preacher who started the first local Sunday School within the early free African-American community then called Snow Hill or Free Haven. The Mott House is the oldest known house in Lawnside, the only African-American community incorporated in New Jersey. The building is a rare surviving example of a housing type associated with the early development of a free African-American community in New Jersey and is representative of the architectural character historically found therein.

The community was legally established by Ralph Smith, a Quaker abolitionist from Haddonfield. He bought the area, then called Snow Hill, and advertised for free men and runaway slaves to settle there. The community grew and it became known as Free Haven as well as Snow Hill because houses, including Peter Mott's, traditionally served as places of refuge for runaway slaves on the Underground Railway.

Peter Mott built his home in two stages, the earliest of which dates to circa 1845. He was a respected member of the community, a preacher at Mt. Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church where he organized the community's first Sunday School in 1854. The size, construction methodology and architectural character of his house reflect Mott's position as a community leader. Compared to the extremely simple structure of the typical African-American house of the mid-nineteenth century, the Peter Mott House is unusually large and possesses a greater level of architectural detailing.

The house survives as an important resource in the architectural and cultural heritage of New Jersey and the nation.

LOOK FOR US AT THE FALL FESTIVAL ON KING'S HIGHWAY ON OCTOBER 18.



## OUTDOOR UPDATE

by Dinny Traver

In a few weeks Greenfield Hall will be graced with three new lamp posts. These will be located along the path from the front sidewalk to the garage. One of the present lamps is standing apparently with the help of the ivy vine which seems to be holding it up.

The new lamps and poles are black cast aluminum. The black will match the fence railings as well as the lamp which is currently at the front entrance.

The first post lamp will be at the side entrance beside the herb garden. The second, located beside the entrance to the library, will light the foot of the steps to the back door. The third will be placed near the end of the path at the garage door.

The garage has been painted so with the addition of the new post lamps, a bit of ambiance will have been added to our beautiful property.

## 1997 HISTORY AWARD

The annual Historical Society History Award was presented to Ian Jonathan Schwab, a graduating senior from Haddonfield Memorial High School. The award, an autographed copy of *Lost Haddonfield* and a \$100 U. S. savings bond, was presented at the Awards Ceremony in June.

The Society established the award in 1993 to encourage an interest in history and an appreciation for it. The winner is selected with the cooperation of Henry Silver, the school's Social Studies Coordinator.

## LET'S LIGHT UP THE TOWN

by Deborah Mervine

This is the third year the Historical Society will be sponsoring a Luminaria sale so surely it's safe to call it our **Annual Luminaria Sale**. Forms for ordering are included in this *Bulletin*. Yes, it's early, but if you send your order in now, it will be one less thing to worry about later.

Pick-up dates will again be at our Holly Festival, this year on December 13 from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. and on the following Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30.

The cost is still a very reasonable \$5 for a 50-foot frontage and \$7.50 for 75 feet.

This makes a great "Welcome to the Neighborhood" gift for a new neighbor.

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## CELEBRATE

## HALLOWEEN

## WITH US

**October 30 from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.**

**at Greenfield Hall**

## LUMINARIA ORDER FORM

Luminaria materials for 50' front footage \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 per unit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Luminaria materials for 75' front footage \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.50 per unit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Send your check for the total, made out to the **Historical Society of Haddonfield**, addressed to **Luminaria, Greenfield Hall, 343 King's Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ, 08033**. Please pick up your order at the Society's headquarters, Greenfield Hall, on Saturday, December 13, from 10 AM to 3 PM, or on the following Wednesday, December 17, from 7 to 8:30 PM.



## MEMBERSHIP

To those of you who renewed your memberships so quickly, a BIG thank you! To those of you who have forgotten or who have procrastinated, please mail your renewal form and check as soon as possible. We count on the help of each one of you.

A special welcome to our new members. Please plan to join us at our meetings and affairs throughout the year. It's a wonderful way to get to know us...and we certainly want to get to know you.

### NEW MEMBERS

Jessica R. Boyle      Constance McCaffrey  
William Kurzenberger      Ronald Sandmeyer  
Peggy R. Russell      Chris Swanson      Malcolm O. Schetky

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Please encourage your friends, relatives and neighbors to become members of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The following application form is for your convenience, to be given to a prospective member. Let's see how much we can increase our membership this 1997-98 season by working together.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Historical Society of Haddonfield 1997-1998

I (We) want to join the Historical Society of Haddonfield. The type of membership desired is:

- |                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| ( ) Individual                   | \$20.00   |
| ( ) Household                    | \$35.00 includes 2 adults and all children living at same residence |
| ( ) Contributing (per person)    | \$50.00   |
| ( ) Sustaining (per person)      | \$100.00  |
| ( ) Patron (per person)          | \$200.00  |
| ( ) Life Membership (per person) | \$500.00  |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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